

2000 Hall of Fame Inductee

E. Desmond Lee

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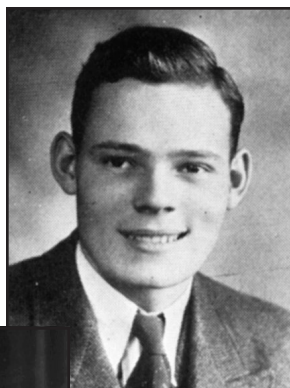
E. Desmond Lee, a former football and basketball star, has parlayed early lessons in sportsmanship to the business arena. Now, Lee is known as one of St. Louis' most prominent philanthropists and, according to *Worth* magazine, one of the top 100 givers in America.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from John M. Olin School of Business in 1940, he and a classmate co-founded the Lee-Rowan Manufacturing Co., which became a leading manufacturer of closet accessories.

In 1993, Lee sold his business and

began dedicating even more time and talent to his community. He continues to link educational and cultural organizations with groups and individuals in ways that will lead to the realization of mutual goals, enhancing education, opening opportunities for disadvantaged children, and improving the quality of life.

Lee is a proud sponsor of Washington University's Total Quality Schools program, an improvement process in which several University City schools now take part. He also supports programs of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Community Music School, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Lee, a recipient of the Henry Shaw medal and the national Outstanding Philanthropist award, was named the 1996 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* "Man of the Year," and the St. Louis Variety Club's "Man of the Year" for 2000.



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